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fifteen years of age, I noticed him getting letters from **men of** note, which he seemed to cherish. He would read them, **then** store them away carefully. I asked him why he read them **with** so much interest and of what use were they to him **after he** read them. His reply was, "Mother, they may come **handy** and be useful some day." And so they were. They were letters from some of the greatest civil engineers in America. **She** also said, "My advice to him was, let your life be such **that the** world will be the better for your having lived in it, and **when** you look in the glass you will look in the face of an **honest** man."

Mr. Wood was married in Los Angeles, December, 1882, to Miss Leona P. Dupuytren, a native of California, **and a** grand niece of the celebrated French physician, Dr. Dupuytren. Mrs. Wood is a highly educated lady of fine business ability. She proved herself a good helpmeet. One son, Warren Dupuytren Wood, born October 15th, 1885, is their only **child**. He is a bright, vigorous young man of sixteen, the **pride of** his mother. The mother, wife and son have a warm place in the affections of this community, and in the hearts of **all** pioneers.

Respectfully,

M. F. QUINN,

Committee.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 2nd, 1901.

IN MEMORIAM.

THOMAS E. ROWAN.

LOS ANGELES, May 7, 1901.

To the Pioneers of Los Angeles County.

Brothers: We, your committee appointed to report a memorial record of our departed member, Thomas E. Rowan, respectfully submit the following:

Our brother, who, at the age of 59 years, passed behind **the** veil that limits earthly vision, was born A. D. 1842, in the **State** of New York, of honest parents, whose strong industrial **traits** they transmitted undiminished to him. In 1858 the whole **fam-**ily came to San Francisco, remaining in the upper part of **this** State until 1860, when they came to Los Angeles. Here **the** father started the American Bakery, which prospered until **he** died. Thomas, with an eye on a business future, sought **and**

obtained a position with I. W. Hellman (our now famous banker), who had a general merchandise establishment on the corner of Commercial and North Main, where is now the Farmers & Merchants' Bank. This position was additionally valuable to Mr. Rowan in fitting him for a useful business career, for he learned of one who has shown what ability he possessed by his marvelous success in finance. The Pacific Union Express, a quasi-corporation doing a surety steamer business between this city and San Francisco (with a branch to Sacramento) then competed with Wells-Fargo, and I. W. Hellman was its first agent here; Mr. Rowan, assistant. Later Mr. Hellman resigned the agency, and Mr. Rowan took his place. In the year 1869, the Pacific Union suspended business, and Wells, Fargo & Co. took over the property (all personal) of the defunct corporation. It was not long till banks were organized, and through each mutation Mr. Rowan accompanied Mr. Hellman till he became a prominent and trusted officer in the operating force of the Farmers & Merchants' Bank. Mr. Rowan faithfully served there till called by his fellow citizens to public life, filling the honored position of City Treasurer, Mayor, County Treasurer, Under Sheriff, and Supervisor. In all these, correctness, promptness, neatness and affability were dominant. During his term as Supervisor, our noble court house was mainly, by his insistence, decided necessary, and before he left the board the magnificent structure was complete. There were few who coincided with his views how necessary then to begin what people have never adequately given him due praise for; we having what, even in its greatness, is hardly commensurate with our needs.

He has done with years, but he was one of those who left in their steps for those to come, and so left carved in the history of his field of action the imperishable record of a true pioneer.

Of his domestic life, a loving wife and children hold sacred memories. Friends he had in platoons, but we have only to view him in the light of achievement, and that done, we can only say, "Peace to thy ashes, good and faithful servant." His reward is not only in our grateful remembrance, but with God, who doeth all things well.

Respectfully,

J. W. GILLETTE,
LOUIS ROEDER,
H. D. BARROWS,

Committee.